



## John R. “Jack” Kirwan

Deputy Secretary, Administration  
California Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Kirwan was appointed as Deputy Secretary for Administration, in March, 2007 and has a total of eight years experience with the Department. As Deputy Secretary for Administration, he directs a wide range of supportive services through subordinate divisions including the Human Resources, Information Services and Financial Services divisions. Mr. Kirwan retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 25 years on active duty and attaining the rank of Captain. Following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1973, he was designated a Naval Aviator and served operational tours in west coast fleet helicopter squadrons as well as in the training command as a flight instructor. His shore assignments included advanced education, Naval Reserve staff assignments, and culminated as Commanding Officer of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Sacramento. Since his retirement from active duty Mr. Kirwan has been employed primarily in governmental agencies including as the Chief Business Official for a local school district and most recently with the Department. Jack’s previous assignments with the Department were as the Chief of Veterans Services Division and as the Budget Officer.

